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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

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Superintendent's Message

With all the love in the air, I want to include my love for our great state by wishing everyone a happy Arizona Statehood month!

January was full of good things going on in our county. Our grade 2/3 and grade 4/5 teachers continued their studies of Math 20/20, which is designed to help sharpen the skills of math teachers. We hosted another New Teacher Coalition meeting where teachers spent a couple of hours learning how to get more dollars into their classrooms. We shared a variety of information on writing effective grants, student loan forgiveness and how to access materials for their classroom through generous donors. We also hosted another Early Childhood Coalition meeting where Shari Elkins and Nette Griffin provided wonderful information on books and cooking with little ones.

We finished off the month with the FBLA Regionals at EAC. Hundreds of high school students demonstrated a high level of professionalism and knowledge of the business world. Very impressive!

I really want to encourage everyone to save this date—**Saturday, Feb. 29th**. The annual Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival (STEM with Art!) will take place all morning on EAC's north campus and reconvene in the afternoon at Discovery Park. It's free with dozens of science activities for every age. Get your "passport" and become eligible for some great prizes! Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday AZ!

Contact us!

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Hours: Monday—
Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 13—Woman's Club of Safford Annual Valentine's Day Dance for Spec. Need K-12 and adults
- Feb. 14—Arizona Statehood Day, Valentine's Day
- Feb. 12—New Teacher Coalition, 4:30—6:00 General Services Bldg.
- Feb. 17—Presidents' Day, Graham County General Services Building closed
- Feb. 19—Graham County Spelling Bee
- Feb. 21—Math 20/20 for grade 4/5 teachers
- Feb. 27—4th Grade Day for Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival at EAC
- Feb. 28—Math 20/20 for grade 2/3 teachers
- Feb. 28—Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival evening activities at Discovery Park
- Feb. 29—Gila Valley Health and STEAM Festival family day at EAC and Discovery Park—FREE!

Save Your Seat at SEATA!

June 1-4, 2020
Preregistration details are
coming soon!

Spelling Bee Information!

The Graham County Spelling Bee will be held **Wednesday February 19, 2020** in the Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room at 6:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend.

Materials made available to individual schools who are enrolled with Scripps are:

- Official study lists for students, organized by grade level
- Study materials for each school spelling champion
- Official pronouncer guides for classroom and school spelling bees
- Scripps Book List
- A free one-year subscription to [Britannica Online for Kids](#) to award to one student.

The winner from the Graham County Spelling Bee will represent us at the Arizona State Spelling Bee which will be held

Saturday March 21, 2020

12:00 noon at the Eight/Arizona PBS Studios

555 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ

The Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held Late May/Early June 2020 in Washington, DC.

Commonly misspelled words:

absence	criticize	February	niece	schedule
accidentally	decision	finally	noticeable	scissors
accommodate	definitely	foreign	occasion	separate
achieve	desperately	friend	occurred	similar
acquaintance	dictionary	government	opposite	sincerely
against	different	grammar	particular	straight
a lot	disease	guarantee	physical	strengthen
already	doesn't	height	pneumonia	studying
argument	embarrass	immediately	possess	summarize
attendance	enough	independent	practically	surprise
because	environment	instead	preferred	thorough
beginning	especially	interrupt	privilege	tomorrow
believe	exaggerate	judgment	probably	truly
business	excellent	leisure	raspberry	until
calendar	excitement	library	realize	vacuum
cemetery	experience	lightning	receive	vegetable
chief	familiar	lonely	recommend	Wednesday
committee	fascinate	lying	remember	weight
conscience	familiar	millionaire	restaurant	weird
convenience	fascinate	mischievous	rhythm	yacht
courageous	favorite	necessary	ridiculous	

Preparing for the first day of kindergarten starts now

The holidays are behind us, but if you have a preschooler who will be entering kindergarten next school year, it's not too early to start getting them ready. In fact, many schools hold their kindergarten registration events beginning this month.

First Things First (FTF), Arizona's early childhood organization, has many suggestions on what families can do at home to prepare their child to be successful on the first day of kindergarten. The [FTF Kindergarten Readiness page](https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/kindergarten-readiness/), found at <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/kindergarten-readiness/>, is a resource for parents and caregivers to help children be prepared for school success.

For Sharyn Weinheimer, a National Board Certified Teacher in the Kyrene Elementary School District in Tempe, reading at home is one of the best ways for adults to help a child be ready for kindergarten.

Weinheimer works with families from kindergarten to eighth grade, and leads an early literacy parenting series for the school district.

"There's a lot of research behind the importance of reading to your child at home and how it promotes brain growth and helps you bond with your child," Weinheimer said. She tells parents to set a routine to read with their child.

"Don't just skip it," she said. "I'm a parent. I know it's not easy. But it doesn't have to be at home in a reading corner. Bring a bag of books and read in the car. They'll read at the breakfast table. I'll show parents a picture of my daughter reading outside."

Below are some tips from First Things First to help your preschooler have a fun, easy transition to kindergarten:

- Read with your child at least 20 minutes per day. Try books that repeat words; involve activities like counting, identifying colors, objects or letters; or, are about things your child likes. Ask questions like, "What do you think happens next?"
- Talk with your child everywhere – at home, in the car, at the store. Make up stories or songs about your outings.
- Writing begins with scribbling. Give your child safe writing tools to play with, like crayons, chalk or markers and blank paper. Ask your child to tell you about their drawings.
- Teach your child how to use the bathroom by themselves, to wash their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating, to blow their nose and sneeze into their elbow.



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Before the first day, talk with your child about what to expect during the school day and types of after-school activities they may be involved in. The more details kids know, the less anxious they will feel.

Rehearse for the big day with test-runs of the new routine, which will include:

- Choosing what to wear the night before.
 - Waking up with early to have plenty of time to get ready.
 - Eating a healthy breakfast.
 - Walking to the bus stop and talking about boarding and where to sit.
 - Practicing how to open parts of lunch, whether it's a carton of milk or a small bag of carrots.
- Before the first day, talk with your child about what to expect during the school day and types of after-school activities they may be involved in. The more details kids know, the less anxious they will feel. Remind them that teachers or lunch staff can help if needed.

Even if you don't have kindergarteners this year, it's never too early to start helping kids prepare. Children who have positive early childhood experiences tend to score higher on school readiness assessments and are more likely to do well in school and graduate.

By turning everyday moments into learning moments, we can send our young kids to school with the skills and confidence that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

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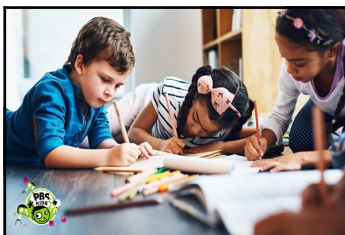
About First Things First – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early learning, family support and children preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.



Additional Early Childhood resources from PBS LearningMedia



[Classroom Craft: Make Tracks with Paint, Playdough, or Crayons](#)



[Read: The Importance of Art in Child Development](#)

**A University of Arizona Office of Economic Education
Professional Development Workshop for
Elementary Teachers**



**TEACHING THE NEW ELEMENTARY
PERSONAL-FINANCE STANDARDS**

SIERRA VISTA

Saturday, February 22, 2020

8:00 a.m.-Noon

UA Sierra Vista, Building C, 1140 Colombo Ave – Sierra Vista, AZ

This no-cost half-day workshop will focus on interactive teaching of the new Arizona elementary personal finance standards in combination with math and children's literature.

Attending teachers will engage in easy-to-replicate, classroom-tested, hands-on lessons that will add fun to your teaching day, and sticking power to your lesson content.

Pre-Service teachers are also welcome and encouraged to attend

Participants will receive:

- A UA certificate for 3.5 hours of professional development.
- A copy of the children's books we use.
- Breakfast courtesy of UA OEE.
- Electronic access to all the lesson materials for easy implementation in your classroom.

There is *no fee* for this program, but you must register.

REGISTER

<http://tinyurl.com/ua-oe> and scroll down

Co-Sponsored by the Cochise County Superintendent of Schools and UA Sierra Vista, with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.





- Increase employment opportunities
- We pay tuition and books
- Decrease college or technical cost

Gila Institute for Technology GIFT now registering for 2020-2021

***"Meet the Instructor Night" at EAC Gherald L. Hoopes Activities Center
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 6-7pm (Come & Go)***

Central Cohort Programs Offered

- Cosmetology • Drafting • Health Care Professions •
- Intro to Coding • Licensed Nursing Assistant •
- Medical Coding & Billing Specialist •
- Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies •

Individual Programs

- Autos • Computers • Early Childhood Education • EMT •
- Fab Lab Technician • Film & Video Production •
- Graphic Design • Industrial Electrician • Law Enforcement •
- Medical Assistant • Medical Lab Assistant • Pharmacy Technician •

**Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org
Contact your high school CTE Career Tech or High School
Counselor for more information OR call 928-348-3393**

Who is Eligible?

- Serving 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in Graham and Greenlee Counties.
- Must meet the program entrance requirements.
- Anyone under the age of 21 without a GED or high school diploma is eligible.



Come and Go Meeting

Meet the Instructor Parent Meeting
@ EAC Gherald Hoopes Jr. Activities Center on
February 25, 2020
from 6:00—7:00 p.m.



G.I.F.T.

(Gila Institute for Technology)

Courses for 2020-2021

Apply Online

Here's How to Apply:

1. Go to GIFT website www.gift-tech.org
 2. Go to  button on the left side of the page above QUICK LINKS .
 3. Under **ADMISSION FORMS** there will be another , click on **REGISTER** tab at the top right. Fill in your email and make a 15 to 18-character password. Confirm your 15 to 18 character password. Click **LOG IN**, you will now want to click the Apply Now blue tab. Start filling out your application.
 4. If returning to your application during the same school year, you will want to login using your user name and password. When logged in you will see all your previous information on the application, you will **ONLY** make changes where needed. Or print if you failed to print the first time.
 5. When you are finished with your application you **MUST** click the **SUBMIT** button. There you will see an application (3 pages) you **WILL** need to **PRINT** it out. (**Click 'shrink to fit' for all 3 pages to ensure all signature lines print**)
 6. **YOU** and **your parent/guardian WILL** need to sign at the bottom of the **3** pages.
 7. Bring the 3-page signed application to your **high school GIFT Career Tech/School Counselor** at your home school office. Please bring your driver's license or **birth certification (preferred)** or proof of citizenship. The GIFT Career Tech will make sure the counselor signs the application and provides GIFT with transcripts, attendance records, immunization records, and Accuplacer test scores.
 8. You will hear from GIFT in March 2020 if you have been accepted or not.
 9. If you have been accepted you will need to sign the acceptance letter and take it to your high school GIFT Career Tech or take it into the GIFT office located at 3998 W. Ball Park Street, Thatcher, AZ.
- Cosmetology- EACCA, (Hairstyling 1.5-year program or Nail Technician 1-year program)
 - Nursing I- Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) (1-year program)
 - Sports Medicine (2-year program)
 - Health Care Professions (Prerequisite to Lab Asst., Medical Asst., Pharmacy Tech)
 - Medical Lab Assistant (1-year program) (**Must be 18 to intern at the hospital**)
 - Computer Assisted Design & Drafting (CADD) (Can start as Sophomores or Juniors)
 - Welding (2-year program)
 - Individual Programs:
 - * Automotive Technician (2-year program)
 - * Early Childhood Education
 - * FAB Lab
 - * Graphic Design
 - * Law Enforcement Technology
 - * Media Communications
 - * Medical Assistant (1-year program after completion of HCP)
 - * Nursing II (LNA Required)
 - * Pharmacy Technician
 - * **Intro to Coding (Can start as Sophomores) New Program for 20-21**

Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!



All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joining E.A.S.I.! It's easy!

2020 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

Monthly Meetings – DPC Ranch House 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

(Generally the second Wednesday of each month.)

Wed. Feb. 12, 2020

Wed. March 11, 2020

Wed. April 8, 2020

Wed. May 13, 2020

More events—save these dates!

Mon. Feb. 3 Matheatre—Tesla Ex Machine Performance

Sat. Feb. 28-29 Gila Valley Health & STEAM Festival

Th-Sat, March 5-7 or 12-14 Eastern AZ Regional Science Fair

Competition

Thurs. Apr. 16 EarthDay @ DPC

Sat. April 20 EASI 5th & 6th Grade Saturday Science Camp

Sat. May 2 (AST-129) MGIO Docent Training

Tues.-Fri. May 26-29 Tonto Creek Camp (Payson)

Mon.-Thr, June 1-4 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA)

Mon.-Thr. June 15-18 EASI High School Camp

Mon.-Wed. June 22-24 EASI Summer Science Camp



**Contact Jackie Madsen at Jackie.madsen@eac.edu Or call
the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260**



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Join the Arizona Teachers
Academy if you're inspired to
innovate teaching, be a leader in
education, and support your
community, the Teachers Academy
has the pathway.**

Through the Teachers Academy at NAU, You Can:

Get your tuition covered

You will receive a high-quality, tuition-free education so you can focus on what matters most—transforming the lives of your students

Impact the Community

Your commitment to teach at an Arizona public school upon graduation will place you in the best position to positively impact students.

Kickstart your teaching career

Hands-on guidance, mentorship, and professional development opportunities will prepare you to lead in the classroom. You won't have to wait long to demonstrate what you've learned—a job will be waiting for you after graduation.

Take the next step today—join the Arizona Teachers Academy at NAU by calling 888-628-2968 or visiting nau.edu/teachers-academy.

To qualify for the Arizona Teachers Academy tuition and fee waiver, you are required to:

Choose an AZ Teacher Academy eligible undergraduate* or graduate teacher education program.**

Complete a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

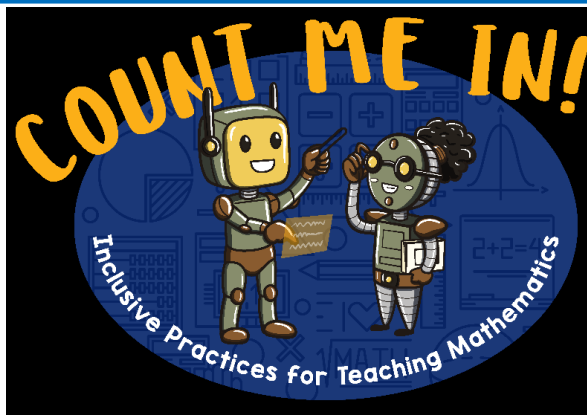
Achieve good academic standing

Complete the AZ Teachers Academy Agreement which will be in your LOUIE account once you have a FAFSA on file and are admitted to an eligible NAU ATA teacher education program.

Commit to teaching at an AZ public school for an amount of time equal to the number of years or any portion of a year an ATA Scholarship was received.

*Any class standing, e.g., freshman, sophomore, etc.

**For a full listing of eligible programs, see <https://nau.edu/coe/naus-teachers-academy/how-to-join-the-arizona-teachers-academy-at-nau/>



COUNT ME IN: HANDS ON ALGEBRA

This two-day professional learning opportunity will focus on inclusive practices for teaching mathematics to middle and high school students with learning disabilities. Teachers will walk away with a conceptual understanding of the progressions within algebraic reasoning and thinking and learn collaboration strategies that will support all students in meeting the High School Algebra standards.

This training will model how to engage students in mathematical tasks using manipulatives and teach the effective use of high-leverage practices, the C-P-A model of instruction, formative assessment, and technology tools, all while fostering the Standards of Mathematical Practices.

We strongly encourage school teams of special education teachers and general education teachers who teach mathematics in Grade 6 through High School Algebra to register. Participants will be required to attend BOTH in-person training days and a follow-up one-hour coaching session.

TUCSON | FEB.10 and MAR.2 8:30-3:30

Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library

Register at: <http://bit.ly/tucsonmath>

PHOENIX | FEB.12 and FEB.25 8:30-3:30

Arizona Department of Education (Jefferson)

Register at: <http://bit.ly/phoenixmath>

Cost: \$30

(Lunch is not provided.)





Graham/Greenlee New Teacher Coalition

I am pleased to announce we have begun the third year of our “Supporting and Sustaining Teachers” project. With generous funding from the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties, and support from our business community, we are able to invite educators to participate in the *New Teacher Coalition*. We have completed two sessions and four more will be offered throughout the year. We provide materials to assist with classroom management, integrating technology and best practices, understanding grant writing processes, etc. The business community is providing tokens of appreciation and information on real estate, loan forgiveness, and other support. Ultimately, 40-50 new teachers in our two counties are finding a whole network of support from within their own districts as well as from other teachers and the county offices. We want to attract and retain the best educators for our students, and our work with the coalition goes a long way toward reaching this goal. If you are new to the profession, a long-term sub, new to your school and/or Graham and Greenlee, you are invited to attend!! Save these dates!

Schedule: Feb. 12th (Continued training will occur at SEATA June 1-4 and all new teachers are encouraged to attend.)

All meetings will be held on Wednesdays in the General Services Building Assembly Room, from 4:30—6:00. We are meeting a little later to accommodate all schedules.



Math 20/20

Teachers in Graham and Greenlee have been participating in professional development which focuses on grade-level cohorts across districts to thoroughly implement math-specific content and pedagogy for that grade level. It also equips leaders to support teachers in implementing a transformative vision for teaching math. The Graham County School Office facilitated the trainings which began in 2015-2016. We have been able to meet with the K-8 teachers in most of the districts in our two counties.

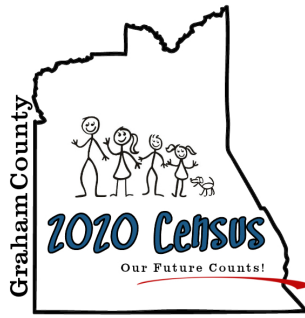
This year we are circling back to catch up the teachers who are new to their grade levels. The remaining trainings are scheduled on the following dates:

For grades 2/3

February 28

For grades 4/5

Feb. 21
March 9



Why 2020 Matters for Schools



How the 2020 Census Affects Children

The 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that communities receive each year for programs and services critical for schools, students, and younger children. In Arizona the funds lost per uncoun ted family member is estimated at \$2000 per year. For an uncoun ted family of 5 the loss of federal and state funding would be $\$2000 \times 5 \text{ persons} \times 10 \text{ years}$ or \$100,000. Programs impacted include:

- ◇ Special education, Head Start, after-school programs, and classroom technology.
- ◇ Food assistance, including free and reduced-price school lunches.
- ◇ Maternal and child health programs at schools and in Graham County
- ◇ Infrastructure funding for interstate, state and local highways/bridges

Enrollment for the 2020 Census will primarily be online this year. Phone enrollment and a last chance paper enrollment will also be used. It's estimated that rural areas in Graham County were undercounted by 27% in 2010. That's a lot of services for children and families that were unavailable for the last 10 years.

How To Greatly Improve Enrollment In Graham County

Graham County along with Pima, Thatcher, EAC, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, and half a dozen social services agencies and volunteer agencies have formed a Complete Count Committee (CCC) to educate the public and enlist the help of area schools, churches, fraternal organizations, businesses and individuals to encourage as well as facilitate the enrollment of the easy and hard to count residents of Graham County. These local efforts are in addition *(continued next page)*

Why 2020 Matters for Schools (Census information continued)

to the US Census Bureau who will be conducting national and some statewide national media campaigns as well as providing some local census workers.

Without being critical, the national budget for the 2020 Census is insufficient. Even though the constitution mandates the federal government conduct the Census, the responsibility for an accurate count has been placed on local governments. Due to the remote locations of rural residents, the lack of computer literacy, the absence of an internet connection at home, homes where English is a second language as well as those who fear that Census information will be shared with law enforcement or immigration services it will take a significant effort to achieve an accurate count in Graham County.

Beginning in January of 2020 the public outreach will begin in Graham County and the nation. Monthly articles will be included in the Graham County School Superintendent's Newsletter. For more information or to volunteer as a member of the Graham County CCC please call Hannah Duderstadt, Assistant County Clerk at 928-428-3250. Some 2020 Census resources follow below.

Get Involved

Make a difference for schools, students, and communities. Learn about all the things you can do to promote SIS and a full count of children in the 2020 Census.

[GET INVOLVED](#)

2020 Resources

New Statistics in Schools (SIS) classroom activities and materials for the 2019-2020 school year spotlight the 2020 Census and the importance of making sure everyone is counted, especially children. Download these resources for pre-K through 12th grade today.

[EXPLORE 2020 RESOURCES](#)

Counting Children

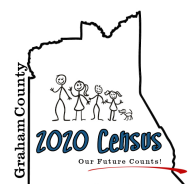
Newborn babies and children under 5 are often missed in the census, with consequences that can impact nearly their entire childhood. Learn more about the consequences—and the resources you can use, as an educator, to help children be counted.

[COUNT ALL CHILDREN](#)

2020 Maps

Capture the attention of students with large, colorful maps filled with fun census-based facts about the country and its territories.

[GET MAPS](#)





Dear Staff Members,

Trying to understand all the possible ways to better manage your student loans is a daunting task. With their financial planning approach, the student loan Advisors at Fiducius help you navigate and determine your best option, including forgiveness, refinancing and consolidation. They may help you lower, or even eliminate, your student loan payment. Through your student loan savings, you can invest in yourself further with the help of American Fidelity.

Your education colleagues nationwide already working with Fiducius have reduced their monthly payments by an average of **84%** and are projected to receive an average of **\$72,338** in tax-free loan forgiveness.

It's easy to get started with this new benefit. You can determine your eligibility and potential savings in just a few minutes and then talk with an advisor on the phone at your convenience, by using the following link:

Visit [Graham County + Fiducius](#) to register

“Fiducius makes handling my student loans truly stress-free. Going through the process with them was easy and they did all the work for me. These days I’m able to focus more on my busy teaching and coaching schedule while celebrating my \$0 payment every month! Fiducius has been great and I continue to spread their life-changing message.” Jordan B., Teacher

Fiducius will fully educate you about all available options and provide a personalized Student Loan Financial Wellness Plan at no cost before you decide whether or not to use their services. As with other voluntary benefits, like life insurance, you only pay Fiducius when you choose to use their services.

We encourage you to take a step to improve your financial wellness and learn if Fiducius can help you better manage your student loans.

Questions, or trouble logging in? Call **1.513.645.5400**, [email](#) or visit their [website](#) for more information and success stories.

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Featured Lesson: Getting and Giving Help

Description: In this lesson students will learn to recognize community helpers and practice following and giving directions while using the ability to connect numbers with cardinality. Students will also have an opportunity to practice writing about community helpers.

Author: Diane Godfrey

Grade Range: K

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/Help>

Featured Lesson:**A Geographic Profile: The Health of Nations**

Description: In this lesson, students will use math to analyze demographics of a nation with the eventual goal of creating a span of nations reflecting their world health status.

Author: Michael Glenn

Grade Range: 6-7

Duration: 1 Class Period

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/177>

National Geographic Seeks State Competitions Coordinator for Arizona

National Geographic is seeking a detail-oriented individual who can serve as the event organizer for two student competitions in Arizona—the GeoBee and the GeoChallenge. The role also involves serving as the competition administrator for the state-level GeoBee. In 2020, the state-level event will be held March 27. The coordinator receives expense money to organize the event and a stipend of \$2,000 upon completion of the tasks. Please contact Chelsea Zillmer, Director of the National Geographic GeoBee, at czillmer@ngs.org regarding this position.

Other Resources:**Redistricting of the people, by the people, and for the people:**

TEDxMashpeeED Talk

How does electoral redistricting work?

We should give attention to how the lines are drawn, by whom, and under what circumstances. We should want to know who is grouping us where, and why. We should be equipped to ask questions of the cartographers and of the people who are giving instructions to the cartographers.

Learn more about how to engage your community in the discussion through Rebecca Theobald's TEDx Talk from April 26, 2019. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mx9uDXsesg8>

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Free Teaching Guide: Bureau of Land Management

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management's latest teaching guide provides middle school teachers with three activities to explore conflict and collaboration between emigrants and American Indians and trace historic trails. ([Read more](#))

Featured Lesson:

Supermarket Sweeps

Description: In this lesson students will gain a better understanding from where food products originate throughout regions of the United States. Students will then use their math skills to shop for grocery products from the various regions.

Author: Sara Jenkins

Grade Range: 5

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/supermarket>

Advance Placement Human Geography Professional Development Day!

A full day of learning for teachers with Seth Dixon from the Rhode Island Geography Alliance.

Please come join us for a wonderful day of learning with Seth Dixon. Topics for the day will include.

Teaching changes in the new CED (Course Exam & Description)

New 2020 APHG test changes (Multiple Choice & Free Response Questions)

Using Command Verbs

The Importance of Geographic thinking in the Era of Globalization

Teaching Food throughout the APHG units

Teaching East Asian case-studies

We understand that this is school day, therefore **participants will receive a \$100 stipend to cover sub costs for attending**. This is offered to the first 20 registrants only, so register now! WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR YOU! To qualify for the sub stipend, you must be currently teaching high school social studies in a school setting open to having APHG as a course offering.

Where: ASU Tempe Campus Discovery Hall Room 281

When: Friday February 7th, 2020, 8 am – 3 pm.

Lunch will be served.

Fee: Free but a deposit of \$20 is required. It will be returned minus the Eventbrite fees upon attendance.

Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ap-human-geography-day-tickets-88903692337>

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GeoNomics: Exploring Economics, Geography, and Art Through Storytelling.

Join the Arizona Geographic Alliance and the Arizona Council on Economic Education at the i.d.e.a. Museum for a fun-filled workshop featuring a tour of the new "Art of Story" exhibit, lesson demonstrations and new ideas for integrating the study of geography, economics and art for grades K-5.

When: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM MST

Where: i.d.e.a. Museum: 150 W Pepper PI Mesa, AZ 85201

Fee: \$20 Registration fee is refundable upon attendance.

The workshop includes dinner, curriculum, and 2 hours of professional development.

Register Here: [Click ME!](#)

STEMSS CRUISE EL Grant: Monarch Migration & Multilingualism: Teaching Content and Language in Tandem Inaugural National Conference May 13-14, 2020 in Sedona Arizona

Join the STEMSS CRUISE EL Team as we engage in cross-curricular discussions that address the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs) and Dual Language Learners (DLLs) in the classroom, with a focus on addressing content and language development in tandem. The conference theme will examine Monarch Butterfly Migration and Multilingualism as interrelated ideas. While the Monarch Butterfly has long symbolized transformation, it also has a history of representing immigration. At this conference, we will provide opportunities to deepen your scientific and geographic understanding of Monarch Butterflies while using this content to develop language. We will also provide sessions that delve into frameworks and strategies for developing language for ELs and DLs. We are bringing together key stakeholders who support equitable content instruction for language learners and hope you will join us. This conference will include four keynote speakers, more than thirty sessions and workshops including a field experience, lunch daily, and opportunities to network. We look forward to collaborating with you in Sedona this coming May!

For more information, to submit a proposal to present, hotel information or to register for the conference please see our conference website: <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/MayConference>

Other Resources:

From MakerBot

Bring 3D printing to your school or classroom by using the MakerBot 2020 Grant Guide - whether for your classroom, library or entire school! This clickable guide is designed to make it easier for educators and administrators to find and secure valuable grants year-round. [Download the full version for free today!](#)

Included in the 2020 Grant Resource Guide:

40+ Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

10 Tips to Secure a Grant for your Classroom or School

10-Step Classroom 3D Printing Action Checklist

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7 Day Alliance Summer Geography Institute

Focus on Integrating Geography and STEM into your Classroom and Providing for Diverse Learners June 22-26, July 18, and September 19, 2020

Applications are now on our website! Apply Now!

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/sites/default/files/Resources/ApplicationSummer2020Final.pdf>

Educator Goals:

- Gain more geographical knowledge and skills
- Learn how to apply research-based strategies for language acquisition and the teaching of ELLs and other diverse learners
- Increase your leadership skills and experience in teaching adults
- Share your expertise with other educators from around the state
- Visit museums and other centers for learning
- Attend an optional Field Study to Northern AZ (Tentatively July 9-13)
- Have fun!

Eligibility:

Only 24 teachers will be selected to participate in this professional development opportunity. Participants must be able to attend all sessions that will usually be from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM each day. The institute is open to teachers from all grade levels but many of the activities will be more appropriate for teachers who have ELLs in their classroom. Participants must be employed as full-time teachers in a classroom. **Deadline to apply, April 30, 2020.**

Location:

Most institute days will be held near the ASU -- Tempe campus. The location for the September 19, 2020 event will be Scottsdale Community College.

Participants will benefit from receiving:

- 40+ Recertification credits. One to three ASU graduate credits can be arranged at participant's expense.
- A stipend of \$400 provided upon demonstrated understanding of the training experience.
- Housing for out-of-area/residential participants. To qualify for housing, you must live 40 miles or more from ASU.
- Most meals during the event. <https://geoalliance.asu.edu/>

NCGE and NCSS are now accepting proposals for their 2020 conference.

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) is holding its 100th annual conference from Dec. 4-6 in Washington DC, co-located with the National Law-Related Education Conference and the National Council of Geography education. You can apply to present at: <https://www.socialstudies.org/conference/proposals> or <https://ncge.org/conference/>

Deadline to apply: Feb. 10.

Safford City-Graham County Library

What can the library do for you?

Online
Tutoring
through
Tutor.com

Library Tours
and
Field Trips



Research
Databases

Downloadable
ebooks and
audiobooks

For more information
call 928-432-4165 or visit
saffordlibrary.org



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Free Gift to Our Children!

Since 2001, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has put free books in the hands of young children across the nation. We now have an Imagination Library in our community. If you're a resident of Graham or Greenlee county, you can receive free books mailed to your home each month.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) of Graham or Greenlee County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Graham or Greenlee Counties.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (forms must be approved and on file with Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library) or [REGISTER ONLINE](#)
3. Notify Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address below in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue as long as the grant funding is available to the Safford Library. We hope that this is until your child turns five or you move out of Graham or Greenlee County.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Imagination Library Coordinator @ (928) 432-4155. It sounds almost too good to be true! But by reading regularly to your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

The Imagination Library Project is brought to you by First Things First (www.azfff.gov) and the Safford Friends of the Library.



**WE NEED YOU TO HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE
ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL STUDENT DAYS
IMMERSE YOUR STUDENTS INTO THE 16TH CENTURY!**



The Renaissance ideas that laid foundation for later inventions are still evident and influential today. Today's THINKERS, DREAMERS, INVENTORS are pushing the boundaries of what is known into the unknown; who knows what their discoveries will become? Remember, Da Vinci knew flight was possible when no one else did...There are Da Vinci's of today just about to emerge...with new ideas and dreams for the future. SciTech and the Arizona Renaissance Festival enable students to see the connection between past, present and BEYOND!

2020 STUDENT DAY DATES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH - ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH - JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOLS

HOURS: 9AM - 2:30PM

The annual Arizona Renaissance Festival, with its 30-acre theatrical European market village offers a unique opportunity to bring an important era in history to life. Student Days were created to highlight the educational aspects of the Renaissance; language, science, exploration, mannerisms, customs, commedia theatre, jousting tournaments, artisan demonstrations and music are just some of the learning opportunities that await your students.

- ♦ Please visit www.RenFestInfo.com and click on Student Days to download an order form.
Order by January 29th, 2020 to receive FREE chaperone tickets.
- ♦ If you are unable to attend - please share our flyer with a teacher who may be interested in attending Student Days with their class.
- ♦ Teachers!!! If you would like to be included on our mailing list to receive updated information and reminders about Student Days, please email:
STDAYS@RENFESTINFO.COM
- ♦ Additional Questions about Student Days— 520-463-2600. **HUZZAH!**





PBS LearningMedia™

Tips From a Teacher

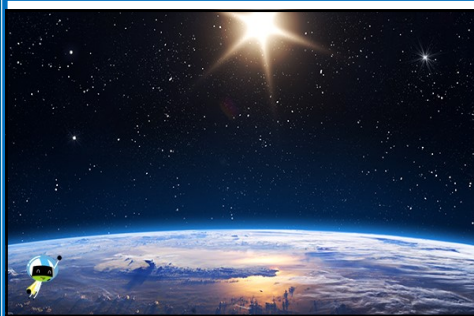
Do you have a favorite PBS LearningMedia resource? Share it with us on Twitter @PBSTeachers, and find out what other teachers recommend, with ideas for early-childhood educators, elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

[DISCOVER MORE](#)



Art School Classroom Toolkit

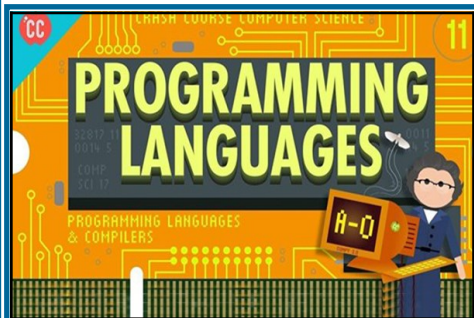
This art-themed collection provides resources for learning how to dance, draw comic strips, create animations, and much more. Empower students of all ages to engage with contemporary art, and discover new ideas for creativity with this collection of lesson plans, videos and interactive media. Art School [Classroom Toolkit](#)



Bringing the Universe to Your Classroom

Explore the universe with NASA and engage students in phenomena related to the science and engineering practices of the Next Generation Science Standards. Travel through the solar system with unique lessons designed for learners of all ages, K-12.

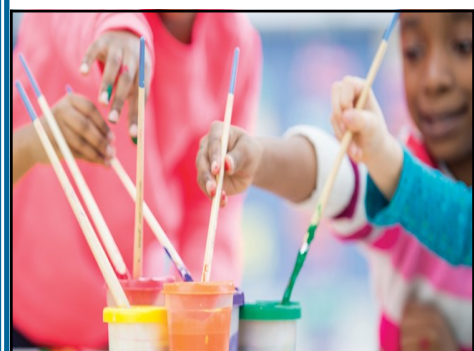
[Bringing the Universe to Your Classroom](#)



The Art of Coding: Computer Science Crash Course

Introduce high school students to computer science with this collection of Crash Course videos. Get familiar with binary code, boolean logic, CPU design and more in the form of 10 minute instructional videos.

[The Art of Coding: Computer Science Crash Course](#)



Schools are finding new and creative ways to teach the arts outside of the traditional school day. In this collection visit schools across Kentucky that are collaborating with artists in their community to offer arts instruction during after school programs and summer camps.

[After School Activities: Art Expression](#)

Early Learning Standard and High Quality Program Guidelines Module training in Graham County



Early Learning Standard-Social Studies

<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=6839>

March 4, 2020

Graham County General Services Bldg.

921 W. Thatcher Blvd. Safford, AZ 85546

Early Learning Standard-Math

<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=6840>

May 6, 2020

Graham County General Services Bldg.

921 W. Thatcher Blvd. Safford, AZ 85546

Save the dates! Register early!
Take advantage of this local training!

ArcGIS Online National Competition

Who: US students in grades 4-12

What: Competition to honor those students who can effectively create and share information about their home state

The Basics of the State Level Competition

One adult sponsor registers his or her school/organization

<https://forms.gle/85rBBjePUp9d4rRz7>

- School/organization promotes the competition and supports participants in the creation of story maps or web apps that:
 - Answer an Arizona-based question,
 - Propose a solution to an Arizona-based problem, or
 - Address an Arizona-based issue.
- School/organization collects and judges the maps/apps (if there are more than 5 entries) before May 13, 2020
- School/organization submits up to 5 entries to the Arizona competition by May 13, 2020 <https://gis.azgeo.az.gov/agic/arcgis-online-school-competition>
- AZ judges select the top 5 HS and top 5 MS (grades 4-8) entries, award \$100 to each winning entry, and enter the 10 state-level winners in the Esri national competition

AZARTS NEWS

The following links provide information on a variety of opportunities in the Arts

Apply Now: Community Investment Grants and Festival Grants

Apply by March 12, 2020

The application period for Fiscal Year 2021 Community Investment Grants and Festival Grants is now open! Applications will be accepted through March 12, 2020.

Community Investment Grants

Community Investment Grants (CIG) provide unrestricted general operating support to nonprofit arts organizations of all sizes, local arts agencies, and tribal cultural organizations whose primary mission is to produce, present, teach, or serve the arts.

Note: As previously announced, all FY2020 CIG recipient organizations are in an Alternate Year status for the FY2021 application cycle.

Festival Grants

Festival Grants support organizations in their efforts to provide quality arts programming through festival activities and are awarded to assist with the costs of connecting artists (or their artistic work) with communities.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers and Community STEM Educators:

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

Please forward your grant awards and we will publish them in this newsletter.

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

LIVE UNITED



United Way of Graham
& Greenlee Counties

Apply Now!

Visit the United Way website at grahamgreenleeunited.org

Click on "Grant Application."

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc—
pleblanc@aznex.net

They did it! Congratulations to the following districts who have been awarded grants: Bonita Elementary School District for improvements to their track; Safford Unified School District Technology Center for their afterschool program; and Fort Thomas Unified School District for technology upgrades. Great job!

Grant opportunities

SRP History and Social Science Grants

Who: K-12 teachers and schools

Amount: Up to \$2,500

Deadline: Feb 28, 2020

To help educators present academic content and teach skills in the interrelated disciplines of history, geography, civics, government, and economics.

<https://www.srpnet.com/education/grants/default.aspx>

Shell Oil Company Educational Grants

Who: K-12 and college level public, private, charter schools

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills. Also funds at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge The Leavey Awards

Who: K-12 and college level public, private, charter school teachers

Amount: \$7,500 - \$15,000 each

Deadline: Mar 1, 2020

For innovative and effective techniques in teaching entrepreneurship and free enterprise education

<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards/leavey-awards/>

Voya Financial - Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program

Who: K-12 Schools educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff

Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

Deadline: April 20, 2020

To further effective and innovative projects that improve student learning.

<https://apply.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/information.php>

Grant opportunities

DonorsChoose

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank you from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to DonorsChoose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants

Amount: \$2,000—\$5,000

Who may apply: Public school preK-12 teachers

Deadline: Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

Link: <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/>

Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators

Amount: \$2,500 and up

Who may apply: Teachers in school theatre programs

Deadline: Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

Link: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants>

DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

Shell Oil Company Educational Grants

Amount: Awards vary

Who may apply: K-12 and college level public, private, charter schools

Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills. Also funds at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Freeport- McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants

Who: K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15)

<http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant>

Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

Who: Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: \$100-\$500

Deadline: August 30, 2020

Freeport-McMoRan Employee Engagement Programs

Employee Matching Gifts Program - The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation will match employee contributions of \$25 or more, up to an annual maximum of \$40,000. The first \$1,000 contributed per eligible nonprofit organization (including schools) will be double matched and any amount above \$1,000 will be single matched, subject to the annual maximum.

Employee Volunteer Fund - Freeport-McMoRan is proud to support employees that give their time and effort to help those in need by offering funds to match unpaid volunteer hours served. When an employee volunteers a minimum of 25 hours a year with a nonprofit organization (including schools), the organization is eligible to earn either a \$250 or \$500 grant.

FM Employees may learn more about both programs and access the link to process their requests by visit this webpage: <https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/employees/employee-engagement-programs>

Support My Club – An e-commerce solution where donors can support the needs of high school clubs and sports. Clubs post their specific needs and donors “shop” for items that speak to them. Items are added to the online cart, donors make a 100% tax-deductible purchase and [Support My Club](#) delivers the item directly to the school!

For every \$100 of value received, the school club completes 1 hour of community service, allowing the receiver to become the giver and the cycle of philanthropy to continue.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge The Leavey Awards

Amount awarded: \$7,500 - \$15,000 each

Who may apply: K-12 and college level public, private, charter school teachers

Deadline: Mar 1, 2020

For innovative and effective techniques in teaching entrepreneurship and free enterprise education

<https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards/leavey-awards/>

Grant opportunities

AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers

Amount: \$200 each

Deadline: Awarded quarterly Sept., Dec., Feb., and April

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.

<https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/>

American Chemical Society

ACH-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant

Who: High school chemistry teachers Amount: Up to \$1,500 each

Deadline: Opens Feb 1, 2020 for 2020-21

To support ideas that enhance classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry. Funds can be used to purchase laboratory equipment, supplies and instructional materials, and the cost of professional development opportunities, field studies and science

SRP Learning Grants

Who: K-12 teachers and schools

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: Feb 28, 2020

To support innovative teaching strategies that improve student performance objectives in math and science.

<https://www.srpnet.com/education/grants/default.aspx>

D'Addario Music Foundation Music Education Grants

Who may apply: All public, private, charter schools and non-profit groups

K-12 classroom teachers in public and private schools

Amount: Awards vary Deadline: March 31, 2020

Funding to sustainable music instruction programs in order to improve access to music education. Supported programs include those that bring music back into communities and schools, and gets kids playing as early and as frequently as possible.

<http://www.daddariofoundation.org/grants>

National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Projects

Who: Public schools and districts, non-profit organizations, state and local governments

Amount: Minimum of \$10,000, average \$25,000 each (requires match)

Deadline: Feb 13, 2020

To support public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation, the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life. Projects may be large or small. Many disciplines funded: dance, art education, design, museums, theater, opera visual arts, etc.

<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/gap/grant-program-description>

Grant opportunities

Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

Verizon Foundation Education Grants

Who: Public and charter PreK—12 schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

Supports STEM education activities such as summer or after-school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology.

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

Lockheed Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open

Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html>

Saxena Foundation STEM Grants

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$5,000 and up

Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

Arizona State Museum

K-12 School Programs

[CLICK HERE](#) for details, pricing and to schedule your visit

Grant opportunities

Target Corporate - Target Field Trip Grants

Who may apply: Education professionals in K-12 public, private, charter schools and non-profits

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills. Also funds at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

Nora Roberts Foundation

Who: Schools and non-profits

Amount: Varying awards with average \$5,000

Deadline: March 1, June 1, Oct. 1

Grants in the areas of literacy, children's programs, arts, and humanitarian efforts. Literacy Grants are intended to empower people through literacy. Recent grants were used to fund literacy groups, theatre and arts education, new library projects, and humane education programs.

<http://norarobertsfoundation.org/applicants.php>

Tuition Assistance for National Guard

Governor Ducey announced a **new tuition assistance program** for members of the U.S. National Guard. This funding will have the potential to help hundreds of eligible National Guard members achieve their postsecondary education goals.

It's never too early to start planning!

Graham County schools received over \$500,000 in grants (that we are aware of) in the 2018-2019 school year.

Congratulations!

From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ♦ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
- ♦ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ♦ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ♦ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ♦ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ♦ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

Teen Vaping

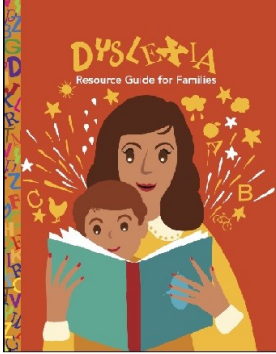
On December 31, 2018 the Arizona Department of Health Services launched a vape prevention campaign called "Facts Over Flavor" geared toward Arizona youth ages 9 to 13. The goal of the Facts over Flavor campaign is to prevent the initiation of vape use among Arizona youth.

This web site can be found at this address: <https://factsoverflavor.com/>

Information from Child Mind Institute and Arizona Department of Health Services

Reminder: Get Your Flu Shot!

Be sure to get a flu vaccination every year for you and your family: People need a new annual flu vaccine because flu viruses often change from year to year. Flu vaccines are created to try to match predicted annual changes in flu viruses. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.



Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families Now Available!

Download and share the Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families, a new, parent-friendly resource for families with children 0-12 who want to learn more about dyslexia, what dyslexia might look like in their child and what they can do to support their child if they have dyslexia. [Download the free pdf here.](#) Read On Arizona extends our sincere appreciation to The Burton Family Foundation for its generous support of the printing and outreach of the *Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families*.



Attainment State Platform

As an organization, Achieve60AZ exists to ensure that attainment is at the top of mind for leaders in our government, economic development, and educational spectrum. The Attainment State Platform has the key areas of focus as we make thoughtful decisions to move in the direction of 60% attainment.

What is Achieve60AZ?

Workforce and Business Development

1. Attract businesses to Arizona with well-educated and highly skilled workers and jobs
2. Promote businesses with proven success in fostering certificates and degrees among employees
3. Develop and expand partnerships between industry and educational providers to align current and future workforce needs

Postsecondary Access and Success

1. Work collaboratively to address barriers to credential and degree completion through policies and innovation
2. Ensure pathways and options for education beyond high school are available to all
3. Champion strategies to make postsecondary educational options more affordable

Early Childhood through High School

1. Emphasize high school graduation and promote best practices for certificate, college and career readiness
2. Support students through a pathway process to certificates, college and career

Systems and Structures

1. Utilize metrics and data systems to support thoughtful partnerships and collaboration in pursuit of the 60% post high school attainment goal
2. Increase public awareness about the options and value of pathways for education beyond high school

Who will help
me become
the man
I want to be?



**When you foster a teen,
you won't just change their life...**
they'll change yours forever.

Teens need families. Thousands of teens in foster care are looking for the support and encouragement that families provide — not just until they turn 18.

Help a teen reach their full potential. Become a foster parent.

www.TeensNeedYou.org



1.866.329.2312
www.ArizonasChildren.org
FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org

In collaboration with:



What's New In SECC? Help a Foster Child



Help a Foster Child

Did you know that a child enters foster care every two minutes in the U.S.?

Did you know that more than 14,000 children live in the Arizona state foster care system?

Did you know that every year more than 800 children "age out" of the system when they turn 18 without finding a forever family?

Young people who age out of the foster care system have a higher chance of experiencing unemployment, homelessness and incarceration as adults.

- 1 out of 5 become homeless
- 1 out of 4 become incarcerated
- 33 percent graduate from high school and only 3 percent will ever go to college.

It is easier than ever to help a foster child. Several SECC charities qualify for the AZ Foster Care tax credit program! For information or to make your pledge [click here](#).

(Statistics provided by the DCS Quarterly Benchmark Progress Report, and from Hope & a Future.)

Did you know 
your SECC contribution
can cost you **NOTHING?**

There are 13 SECC charities that ALSO qualify for the **AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**. We've listed them here for your reference.

(Talk to your tax advisor about claiming donations - \$500 filing single, \$1,000 filing jointly - to these organizations as a tax credit.)

SECC CHARITIES THAT QUALIFY FOR THE AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT:

- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- Arizona Helping Hands • ASA Now • Aviva Children's Services
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Foster Children
- Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.
- Child Crisis Arizona • Christian Family Care
- Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona
- GAP Ministries • More Than A Bed • Streetlight USA

Arizona Educational Acronyms Courtesy of the Yavapai County Education Service Agency

A (continued from last month)

APE - Adaptive Physical Education

ARS – Arizona Revised Statutes

ARSA- Arizona Rural Schools Association

ASA – Arizona School Administrators

ASBA- Arizona School Boards Association

ASDB- Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind

ASU - Arizona State University

AT - Assistive Technology

ATRA – Arizona Tax Research Association

AZELLA- Arizona English Language Learner Assessment

AZ-TAP - Arizona Technology Access Program

AZTEA- Arizona Technology in Education Association

B

BHS - Behavioral Health Services

BIE- Bureau of Indian Education (formerly BIA, Bureau of Indian Affairs)

BIP - Behavior Intervention Plan

C

CAA – Charter Additional Assistance

CAC – Certification Advisory Committee

CBO- Congressional Budget Office

CCSSO- Council of Chief State School Officers

CEC - Council for Exceptional Children

CEP – Collaborative Education Partners

CFPB – Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

CIPA – Child Internet Protection Act

CSPD - Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

CSS- County School Superintendent OR Catholic Social Service